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MAP OF ACTION OF AMERICAN TRAGEDY.

- Volume 1.
Book 1.
- Chapter 1. p.p. 3 - 9.
"Praise-the-Lord" Griffiths, his wife, the eldest daughter Esta, Clyde, and the two younger children pray in the streets of Kansas City and withdraw into their Bethel Independent Mission.
- Chapter 2. P.P. 10 - 15.
The past of the family - Asa's rich brother in Lycurgus, the mother as a farm girl and the character of Clyde, vain, proud, beginning adolescence.
- Chapter 3. P.P. 16 - 23.
Esta runs away with the actor. How they take it.
- Chapter 4. P.P. 24 - 32.
Clyde works in a drug store and asks for a job at the Green-Davidson.
- Chapter 5. P.P. 33 - 38.
Taken on at Green-Davidson, gets his uniform.
- Chapter 6. P.P. 39 - 45.
First errands and tips.
- Chapter 7. P.P. 46 - 51.
The types of his companions. Their erotic swagger.
- Chapter 8. P.P. 52 - 54.
Invited to night out.
- Chapter 9. P.P. 55 - 64.
The night out - dinner, drinks, the brothel.
- Chapter 10. P.P. 65 - 68.
Loss of Clyde's virginity.
- Chapter 11. P.P. 69 - 79.
To companion's home. Meets latter's sister and Hortense. The dance.
- Chapter 12. P.P. 80 - 85.
Dinner and theatre with Hortense.
- Chapter 13. P.P. 86 - 99.
Hortense keeps him dangling. His sister Esta returns pregnant and is met by him. His mother surreptitious and borrowing.

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- Chapter 14. P.P. 100 - 107.
Clyde infatuated with Hortense. Hortense infatuated with the fur coat.
- Chapter 15. P.P. 108 - 116.
Planning the motor party. Hortense asks him to buy her coat.
- Chapter 16. P.P. 117 - 122.
His mother asks money for Esta. He promises money for coat.
- Chapter 17. P.P. 123 - 130.
The motor party. Clyde, his companions, their girls. Jealousy.
- Chapter 18. P.P. 131 - 138.
The lover's quarrel on the ice. Hortense's promise.
- Chapter 19. P.P. 139 - 147.
Hurrying home. Running over the child. The smash. Most run away, including Clyde.
- Book 2.
- Chapter 1. P.P. 151 - 157.
The Griffiths of Lycurgus. Samuel, his wife, Gilbert, Myra and Bella.
- Chapter 2. P.P. 158 - 164.
Return of Samuel from Chicago. His desire to give Clyde a job. Gilbert's hostility and Bella's interest.
- Chapter 3. P.P. 165 - 174.
Clyde's expedients since leaving Kansas City. Driving delivery van. Meeting with Ratterer and job at Union League in Chicago. Letters to his family now in Denver.
- Chapter 4. P.P. 175 - 182.
Clyde's meeting with Samuel and request for a job. He leaves for Lycurgus.
- Chapter 5. P.P. 183 - 194.
At factory sees Gilbert. Passed to Whiggam. Passed to shrinking room. Wanders through slums and sees his Uncle's residence.
- Chapter 6. P.P. 195 - 200.
Helped by Mrs. Braley of factory to find lodgings at Mrs. Cuppy's. Starts work in shrinking room.

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- Chapter 7. P.P. 201 - 204.
Snobbish interest of his fellow lodgers, especially Dillard.
- Chapter 8. P.P. 205 - 212.
Pay day. Evening party followed by four cornered petting party with Dillard Rita and Zella.
- Chapter 9. P.P. 213 - 223.
End of party. Griffiths think of inviting him. Refuses new party proposal with Zella. Receives Uncle's invitation and goes to them. Gilbert there and goes out.
- Chapter 10. P.P. 224 - 229.
Call with Bella, Bertine, and Sondra Finchley. End of visit to Uncle.
- Chapter 11. P.P. 230 - 239.
Time passes. Samuel sees Clyde in singlet still in shrinking room, orders Gilbert to better him. Clyde sees Gilbert, visits stitching room with Whiggam, Liggett, made overseer.
- Chapter 12. P.P. 240- 248.
Loneliness of Clyde in more posh rooms at Mrs. Peyton. Summer atmosphere and room full of girls. Three who set their caps for him. Arrival of new help, including Roberta Alden. His first conversation with her.
- Chapter 13. P.P. 249 - 254.
Roberta's past. Her father, Titus, and his decayed farm. The store at Biltz and the hosiery place at Trippetts Mills. Marriage of her younger sister. Her less attractive friend and companion, Grace.
- Chapter 14. P.P. 255 - 260.
Description of horseplay, etc. in factory hours, and Roberta's reactions to it.
- Chapter 15. P.P. 261 - 269.
More loneliness. Attractions of Roberta. Meeting with her and Grace by chance at Crum Lake.
- Chapter 16. P.P. 270 - 277.
Growth of interest in Roberta. Attempts at casual meetings. Embarrassment at her error in factory. Its use to make assignation with him.
- Chapter 17. P.P. 278 - 282.
Meeting on street. Walk together. Embrace.
- Chapter 18. P.P. 283 - 289.
Another assignation. Visit to Fonda Amusement Park, and dancing.

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- Chapter 19. P.P. 290 - 294.
Roberta found out in lie about Fonda by Grace and Newtons, so moves to new place at Gilpins.
- Chapter 20. P.P. 295 - 300.
Clyde wants to come to her room. Impatient at refusal, turns and walks off, regretted by her.
- Chapter 21. P.P. 301 - 306.
Both worried and repentant at factory next day. She slips him paper with written surrender.
- Chapter 22. P.P. 307 - 310.
Constant copulation with Roberta. Love and happiness. Then resuming thoughts of possibility of improving station.
- Chapter 23. P.P. 311 - 316.
Sondra on street in car mistakes him for Gilbert, likes him.
- Chapter 24. P.P. 317 - 323.
Clyde disturbed by thoughts above him. To annoy Gilbert, Sondra and Bertine arrange his invitation to a party.
- Chapter 25. P.P. 324 - 331.
The party. Clyde introduced around. Sondra is nice to him.
- Chapter 26. P.P. 332 - 337.
Dancing, and outside in snow with Sondra,
- Chapter 27. P.P. 338 - 343.
Cancels engagement with Roberta, her last evening before going home for Christmas, to dance again with Sondra, etc. Receives further invitations and pretends to Roberta that he is being invited by Uncle.
- Chapter 28. P.P. 344 - 350.
Makes excuses to Roberta and tells her lie. Exchange presents she desired to give previous evening. He gets out of accompanying her to Fonda.
- Chapter 29. P.P. 351 - 359.
Roberta unhappy at home. Sees about Clyde and Sondra's party in paper, and tells Mother of reciprocated fondness for Clyde.
- Chapter 30. P.P. 360- 363.
Griffiths forced by Clyde's social progress to ask him to Christmas dinner.

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- Chapter 31. P.P. 364 - 371.
Dinner and further party cause him to miss welcoming Roberta home. Hurries round to her late. Recriminations about his lie, tears and comfortings ending in copulation.
- Chapter 32. P.P. 372 - 377.
More parties, punctuated by occasional reunions with Roberta. Takes Sondra home and embraces her in kitchen.
- Chapter 33. Roberta passes note and then tells him of pregnancy, asks him what to take for it. He, scared, makes light of it.
- Chapter 34. P.P. 386 - 391.
Goes to Schenectady and visits drug stores in search of abortive substance. Buys one.
- Chapter 35. P.P. 392 - 400.
Failure of abortive substance. Roberta tries hot baths. Sondra more friendly, kisses him again. Clyde writes to Ratterer. Tries to find doctor. Persuades her to visit doctor alone.
- Chapter 36. P.P. 401 - 406.
Tries Short, friendly haberdasher, for advice as to doctor.
- Chapter 37. P.P. 407 - 419.
Visits doctor. First lies, then admits nearer truth. He refuses.
- Chapter 38. P.P. 420 - 431.
Second, unsuccessful visit to doctor. She resolves he must marry her. Clyde, progressing with Sondra, temporises, pretending he desires first to earn more money. Argument.
- Volume 2.
Book 2 (cont.)
- Chapter 39. P.P. 3 - 9.
Progress with Sondra who desires him to visit near her on lake, and speaks of marriage in October. Among other confused reflection Clyde thinks he could help Roberta better if he had Sondra's money.
- Chapter 40. P.P. 10 - 14.
On way to lake with Sondra happens to see Roberta's ruined farm home and her father, Titus.
- Chapter 41. P.P. 15 - 18.
Persuades Roberta to go home and prepare her trousseau for marriage.
- Chapter 42. P.P. 19 - 27.
Letters from Sondra and Roberta. On way back from

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mailing reply to former, buys evening paper with account of drowning tragedy. Thinks of murder of Roberta.

- Chapter 43. P.P. 28 - 36. ^{Tennis.}
At lake with Sondra. / She speaks of marriage in fall.
- Chapter 44. P.P. 37 - 47.
More letters from Roberta. Motors with Sondra and friends to Big Bittern Lake and thinks again of murder.
- Chapter 45. P.P. 48 - 56.
Arguments for and against murder interrupted by letter from Roberta announcing threat and return, and telephone reply arranging to meet her at Fonda for little trip.
- Chapter 46. P.P. 57 - 64.
Meeting at Fonda. Separate carriages, with their separate thoughts, to Utica.
- Chapter 47. P.P. 65 - 79.
Grass Lake. Big Bittern, promising her marriage. The boat, its upset and the murder.
- Book 3.
Chapter 1. P.P. 83 - 85.
Coroner at Bridgeburg informed of drowning by telephone.
- Chapter 2. P.P. 86 - 90.
Coroner (Heit) finds suspicious circumstances. Roberta's letter to mother, stranger in woods. Need of a political case to make the county officers popular.
- Chapter 3. P.P. 91 - 97.
Coroner informs Mason (attorney who desires to be elected judge) of probability of murder and turns matter over to him.
- Chapter 4. P.P. 98 - 107
Mason informs Titus and family, who break down. Gets on track of Clyde.
- Chapter 5. P.P. 108 - 115.
Mason and Heit follow Clyde's trail to his room and instruct Bridgeburg sheriff to follow him to Sharon (on Sondra's lake).
- Chapter 6. P.P. 116 - 112.
Clyde's movements and thoughts from drowning as far as Sharon where picked up by Sondra's friend's car.
- Chapter 7. P.P. 123 - 132.
Weekend with Sondra. Golf incidents. Boat incident. Money lent him to pay for lunch. Fear. Hiding suit in lake.

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- Chapter 8. P.P. 133 - 144.
News in paper. Off with Sondra on tent trip.
Arrival of Sheriff's men and arrest in woods.
- Chapter 9. P.P. 145 - 155.
Mason with some of party. Clyde brought down,
questioned and taken off.
- Chapter 10. P.P. 156 - 162.
Sondra told and faints. More questioning, Clyde
put into prison.
- Chapter 11. P.P. 163 - 166.
Clyde taken to lake. Mason's assistant, Burleigh,
finds camera and fakes hair evidence in it.
- Chapter 12. P.P. 167 - 175.
Newspaper excitement, photographing of Mrs. Alden.
Sondra telling her father. Griffiths consult their
lawyer. Latter and Mason agree to keep Sondra
out of case. Lawyer (Smellie) sees Clyde.
- Chapter 13. P.P. 176 - 180.
Griffiths instruct lawyer, who reports, to defend
only on basis of true facts. Another lawyer sent
(Catchuman).
- Chapter 14. P.P. 181 - 189.
Catchuman also fails with Clyde, but engages Belknap,
good local Democratic opponent of Mason, who gets
true story out of Clyde.
- Chapter 15. P.P. 190 - 198.
Jephson, Belknap's assistant, is liked by Clyde, and
tries to think of better story than the true one.
Decides madness not good enough.
- Chapter 16. P.P. 199 - 205.
Jephson thinks of story of change of heart and
accident that he thinks might mean only 20 years.
- Chapter 17. P.P. 206 - 216.
Mason arranges specially early case to help him
with fall elections. Griffiths and Clyde agree
in desire to keep latter's family out of it, but
Esta sees newspaper report and takes it to her
mother.
- Chapter 18. P.P. 217 - 221.
Mother wires to Belknap. His read and newspapers
reveal the family. Clyde visited by revivalists,
psychiatrists, etc. etc. He dreams, futilely of
escape.

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- Chapter 19. P.P. 222 - 230.
The court, the scene outside. Belknap and Jephson encourage Clyde. The scene within, he recognises witnesses, Alden family, etc. Challenging jurors.
- Chapter 20. P.P. 231 - 240.
Mason's opening speech terminating with announcement he has a witness of death-cry. Jephson still murmurs 20 years.
- Chapter 21. P.P. 241 - 247.
Prosecution witnesses. Tiff about political candidature between Mason and Belknap.
- Chapter 22. P.P. 248 - 256.
11th day. Last prosecution witness. Camera matched with wounds. Witness to dying cry. Reading of Roberta's letters. Clyde hissed and cursed.
- Chapter 23. P.P. 257 - 265.
Belknap opens for defence. Finishes by announcing actual eye-witness as Jephson calls Clyde to witness stand.
- Chapter 24. P.P. 266 - 294.
Examination of Clyde by Jephson brings out pre-arranged story. Jephson emphasizes Clyde as moral and mental coward.
- Chapter 25. P.P. 295 - 325.
Examination of Clyde by Mason. Boat and acting upset in it. Distance and his inability to swim hair in camera. Money. Kissing Miss X. Map marked Lycurgus.
- Chapter 26. P.P. 326 - 333.
Last speeches by Belknap and Mason. Summing-up by Judge. Delay of jury, one man being politically opposed to Mason. Conviction. Cheers for Mason, now judge.
- Chapter 27. P.P. 334 - 340.
Horror of family in Denver. Squabble by journalists over Mrs. Griffith's telegram. She prays for journey money and then gets it from newspaper.
- Chapter 28. P.P. 341 - 351.
Mother arrives penniless to lawyers, they think of her gaining appeal money by lectures to religious groups. The sentencing. The little train journey in open to the death house at Auburn. The death house.
- Chapter 29. P.P. 352 - 357.
Description of death-house. Interview between Clyde and Mother.

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- Chapter 30. P.P. 358 - 367.
After failures at Christian churches, she lectures at Jewish picture palace. Asa is ill, she returns home. Clyde in death house. First execution.
- Chapter 31.. P.P. 368 - 376.
An acquaintance, the little lawyer, executed. McMillan, preacher, met by his mother, comes to see him.
- Chapter 32. P.P. 377 - 385.
McMillan urges Clyde to confess all and confide himself to God. Typewritten letter from Sondra.
- Chapter 33. P.P. 386 - 395.
Confesses to McMillan. McMillan shocked. Appeal court decides against him. McMillan sends for his mother and promises to see Govenor.
- Chapter 34. P.P. 396 - 409.
McMillan and Mother see Govenor. McMillan betrays him and Govenor decides negatively. Clyde gives his mother evangelistic message for young man. Execution. Family, now in San Francisco, pray in street and enter their mission.
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